



**L TO R: Jorge Garcia, Kenneth Ply, Joyce Sanabria,  
Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Kenya Spruell and Jerry Barker**

### **ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S MAY TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM**

**Newark, NJ** – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to three Essex County employees and two students from the Essex County Vocational Technical School District. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service and highlights the achievements of students attending the County's Vocational Schools

**Joyce Sanabria**, a senior at the West Caldwell Tech Campus of the Essex County Vocational Technical School District has been an active member of the Future Business Leaders of America Club, Yearbook Committee, Student Council Vice President and served as manager for the softball and basketball teams. Joyce is fluent in English and Spanish, and after graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in Special Education at New Jersey City University and use her skills to help educate students.

**Jorge Garcia**, a senior honor student at Essex County's North 13<sup>th</sup> Street Tech, is ranked number one in his senior class. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Robotics Club and participated on the school's soccer and volleyball teams. As a captain and four-year member of the soccer team, he received the Scholar Athlete Award and was named the team's MVP, defensive player of the year and received the New Jersey Interscholastic League All-Star Award for defense. He was also a standout volleyball player, receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Essex, Offensive Player of the Year and NJ Technical All-Tournament Team honors. Jorge has been active in many service projects with the Lighthouse Community Center for the Blind, organizing food and clothing drives for low-income families and tutors his classmates in various subjects. He is deciding between attending New Jersey Institute of Technology, The College of New Jersey or Rutgers University as a Civil Engineering major next fall.

**Kenneth Ply** has been with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office for 37 years and is an Assistant Prosecutor assigned to the Appellate Section. As one of the most senior attorneys in the office, he supervises other appellate attorneys and legal interns, represents the Office on various committees, serves as back-up to the police legal advisor and is always available to answer legal questions from trial staff. He has represented the State in the NJ Supreme Court, the Superior Court of NJ, Appellate Division, Law Division and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and coordinates and represents the State in gun permit hearings. Kenneth has numerous published opinions in the State and Federal courts and teaches regularly at the Essex County College Police Academy and the Attorney General's Institute.

**Officer Kenya Spruell** is assigned to the Alternative to Detention Program at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center. Officer Spruell's duties include overseeing various alternative programming, statistics, equipment and vehicles. He provides community supervision through the use of electronic monitoring tracking equipment and monitors the maintenance, review and technical support of that equipment by the Community Youth Workers. Officer Spruell also makes sure the courts receive all the information they need from the Juvenile Detention Center in a timely manner.

**Jerry Barker**, an alumnus of Essex County's Newark Tech, joined the Essex County Vocational Technical School District as a Security Guard 20 years ago. His primary responsibility is to maintain the safety and security of the Newark Tech Campus when school is in session and for special events. Barker is a dedicated worker who has proven to be a